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Replacement drawings (1 sheet)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2005. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Appendix begins following page 11 of this paper.